

Amendments to the Specification

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20, which starts with "A script differs from", with the following amended paragraph:

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A script differs from an applet. Although an applet also is downloaded as part of a Web page and run on a client system, the applet stands alone, that is, it is not part of the browser application, just as an application program, such as a word processor application, is not part of an operating system.

2. Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3, which starts with "An embodiment of the present invention enables Web pages to execute software applications", with the following amended paragraph:

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An embodiment of the present invention enables Web pages to execute software applications on a client system, e.g., a personal computer (PC), in a secure manner using a signed control, and a signed and encrypted script. Embodiments of the invention may be represented as a software product received over, and/or stored on, a machine-readable medium (also referred to as a computer-readable medium or a processor-readable medium). The machine-readable medium may be any type of magnetic, optical, or electrical storage medium including a diskette, CD-ROM, memory device (volatile or non-volatile), or similar storage mechanism. Moreover, the machine readable medium may be accessed at a server by a client via a network connection between the client and

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server, for example, in a client/server computing environment. The machine-readable medium may contain various sets of instructions, code sequences, configuration information, or other data. For example, the procedures described herein can be stored on the machine-readable medium. Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that other instructions and operations necessary to implement the described invention may also be stored on the machine-readable medium.
